

REMARKS

Claims 1-23 are pending in this application; claims 1 and 13-17 being independent. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections in light of the following remarks.

The Official Action

In the Office Action dated January 18, 2002, the Examiner rejected claim 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. The Examiner rejected claims 1-7, 9, 11, and 14-17 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Ma (USP 5,880,928); rejected claim 12 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ma in view of Smith, II (USP 5,768,163); and objected to claim 8 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but stated would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim Rejections

The Examiner rejected claims 1-7, 9, and 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Ma. Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

The Examiner asserts Ma discloses a chamber capable of accepting an external device, citing to CCD camera 222 and sound boxes 212.

It is respectfully submitted that Ma teaches a notebook computer with audio and video effects. Specifically, Ma teaches:

A sound hole 21 is formed at either side of the display 2. Each sound hole 21 has a sound box connecting device 211 in the form of a pivot rod for connection with a sound box 212, and an amplifying speaker disposed inside. At the same time, at a top rim of an upper side after the display 2 is lifted, i.e., in the direction opposite to the rotary shaft, there is also provided a camera hole

22 which is connected via a camera connecting device 221 to a CCD camera 222. The above-mentioned sound box 212 and CCD camera 222 respectively have circuits passing through the rotary shaft to be connected to the mainframe. (Col. 1, line 62 - col. 2, line 6).

In contrast, the present invention as set forth in claim 1 recites, *inter alia*, a personal computer comprising a chamber capable of accepting an external device enhancing a function of the personal computer, the chamber being arranged in the display unit. It is respectfully submitted that CCD camera 222 and sound boxes 212 are not equivalent to external devices. As can be seen in Fig. 2 of the cited reference, CCD camera 222 and sound boxes 212 contain wires that indicate a permanent connection to the computing device. While these devices may pop up from or pop out of the computing device, they do not constitute an external device within the meaning of one of ordinary skill in the art. As such, since Ma fails to disclose a chamber capable of accepting an external device, claim 1 is not anticipated by Ma. It is respectfully submitted that claims 2-7, 9-12, and 18 are allowable for the reasons set forth above with regard to claim 1 based upon their dependency on claim 1.

It is further respectfully submitted that claims 13-17 contain elements similar to those found in claim 1 and thus are not anticipated by the cited reference for the reasons set forth above with regard to claim 1.

It is further respectfully submitted that claims 19-23 are allowable based upon their dependency on claims 12-17, respectively.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112

With regard to the Examiner's rejection of claim 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Applicant has amended claim 10 to remove the reference to the industry standard. As such, withdrawal of the outstanding rejection is hereby requested.


CONCLUSION

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number of (703) 205-8000, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims have been amended as follows:

10. (Amended) The personal computer as defined in claim 1, wherein the [chamber and the] external device is a memory card [confirm the Personal Computer Memory Card International Association standard].

New claims 18-23 have been added.